

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LECTURE PROGRAM

A. Purpose

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for interested persons to hear talks on a variety of topics about a foreign country, delivered in the native language of that country, and to discuss the activities and culture of an area in the language of that area.

B. Plan

Each series of lectures in a given language on the country where that language is spoken will consist of eight to fourteen lectures by substantive specialists with advanced to native fluency in the language. Each lecture will be followed by a discussion normally conducted in the foreign language. Participants will be permitted, however, to address questions or remarks in English if they prefer. Lectures will be scheduled for two hours once or twice a month.

C. Languages

Programs now are being planned in Russian, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Efforts to develop programs for other languages and areas will be made whenever sufficient interest is indicated.

D. Topics

The variety and scope of topics will be determined by the panel of lecturers. Lecturers are free to select any topics that they believe will contribute to the professional, intellectual or cultural interests of Agency personnel. A list, intended to be suggestive, but not restrictive, is attached.

E. Participants and Participation

This activity is open to all interested persons. Persons may register either as participants or as auditors. Participants should have at least a moderate ability at comprehension and spoken fluency. They will be expected to attend all lectures, and will receive formal credit in their training record for participation. Auditors should have at least a moderate degree of comprehension. They will be free to attend only such lectures as they choose. They also may contribute to discussion. Some substantive familiarity with the area will be an advantage for all.

F. Registration

Persons desiring to attend as participants or auditors may register by submission to the Registrar, OTR, of Form No. 73 (1 Nov 54), "Request for Internal Training" (items 1, 2, 10, 19, 23 and 24 only).

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Persons interested in development of series in languages other than those mentioned above (para. C) may indicate their interest by calling extension

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G. Information

Further information may be had at 2129 "I" Building or by calling extension

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